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Application No.: 10/712590

Case No.: 59390US002

REMARKS

Claims 1-58 are pending. Claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22, 26 and 27 have been canceled. Claim 1 is amended.

§ 102/103 Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10, 13-15, 18-20, 23-25 and 28-58 stand rejected under one or both of 35 USC § 102(b) and 35 USC § 103(a). Claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22, 26 and 27 are acknowledged as containing allowable subject matter for the reason that "Asawa et al taken alone or in combination does not [recite] Br as a second pendent group." Applicants have amended claim 1 so as to recite Br as a second pendent group and canceled claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22, 26 and 27.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22, 26 and 27, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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